

# ON SUBLINEARLY QUASISYMMETRIC HOMEOMORPHISMS

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This talk is about **sublinearly quasisymmetric homeomorphisms** between **metric spaces**:

How do they compare to quasisymmetric homeomorphisms?

Where do they come from?

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Tukia-Väisälä: if  $Z, Z'$  are uniformly perfect (e.g. **connected** or Cantor) one may assume  $\eta(t) = \sup\{t^\alpha, t^{1/\alpha}\}$  and quasisymmetric homeomorphisms are **biHölder continuous** on bounded subspaces.

# RINGS AND ASPHERICITIES

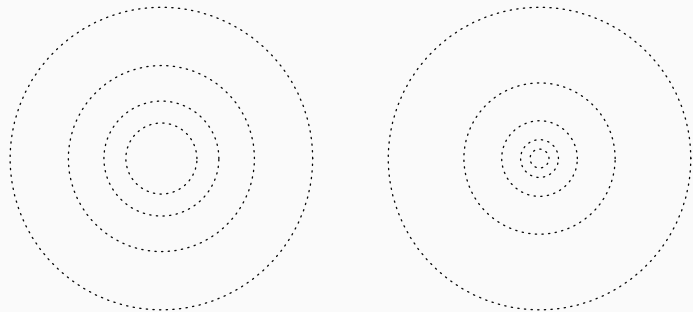
Let  $t \geq 1$ . A pair of subsets  $(a, a^+)$  of a metric space is a  $t$ -**ring** if there is a ball  $B$  such that  $B \subseteq a \subseteq a^+ \subseteq tB$ .  $\text{radius}(B)$  is an **inner radius** and  $\tau = \log t$  is called an **asphericity** for  $(a, a^+)$ . If  $a = a^+$ , **round set**.

A  $\eta$ -quasisymmetric homeomorphism sends  $t$ -rings to  $\eta(t)$ -rings: it preserves bounded asphericity.

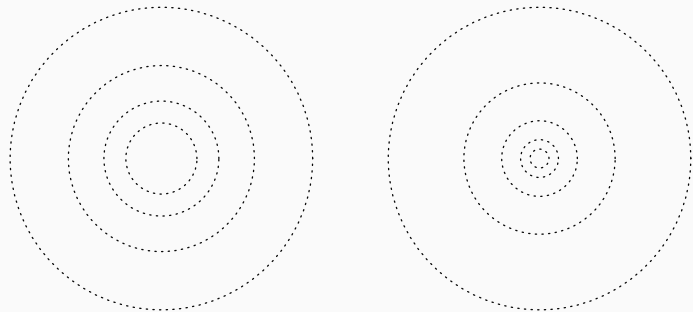
## Definition

Let  $\sigma \in (0, 1)$ . A family of rings  $(a_n, a_n^+)$  with inner radii  $\sigma^n$  and asphericities  $\tau_n$  is said to have **sublinear asphericity** if  $\tau_n \ll n$ . A homeomorphism is sublinearly quasisymmetric if it is biHölder continuous and **preserves sublinear asphericity**.

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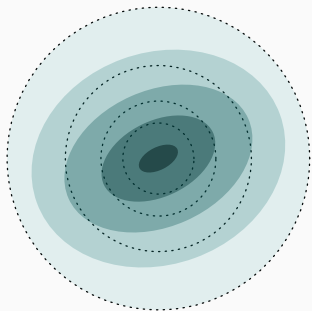


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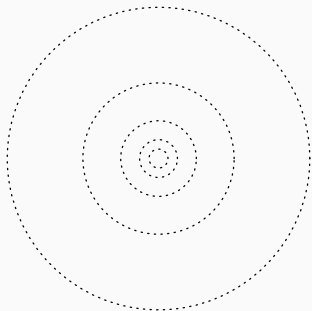




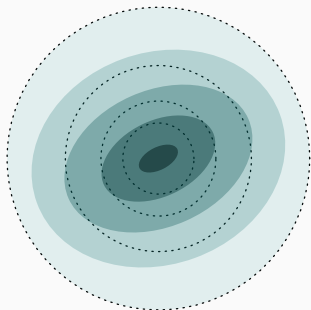
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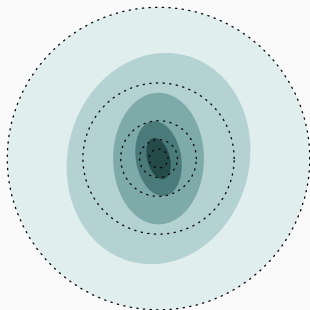
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**Figure:** Round sets and their images in Euclidean  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

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# HYPERBOLIC CONE AND GROMOV BOUNDARY

The quasisymmetry class of  $Z$  can be considered a **Gromov boundary** of a **large-scale structure** or hyperbolic cone  $Y = \text{Con}(Z)$ .

$Z = \partial_\infty Y$	$Y = \text{Con}(Z)$
Euclidean $\mathbf{R}^n$	$\mathbb{H}^{n+1} = \{\text{scalar dilation group}\} \times \mathbf{R}^n$
Subriemannian $\mathbf{Heis}^n$	$\mathbb{H}_C^{n+1} = \{\text{Carnot dilation group}\} \times \mathbf{Heis}^n$
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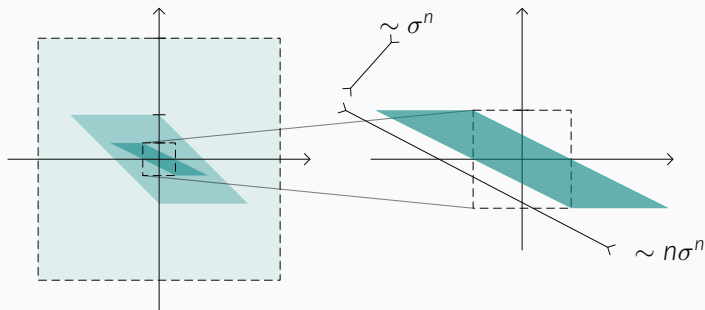
Sublinearly quasisymmetric homeomorphisms  $Z \rightarrow Z'$  are boundary maps of **sublinearly biLipschitz equivalences**  $Y \rightarrow Y'$ , that are isomorphisms of the **sublinear large-scale structures** arising from work of Cornuier and Dranishnikov-Smith.

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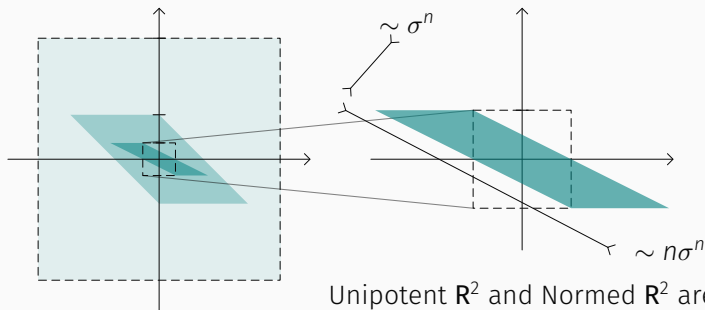
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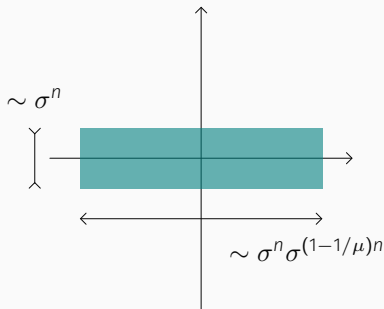
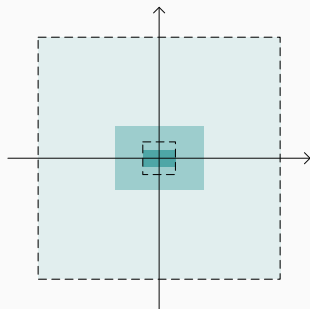
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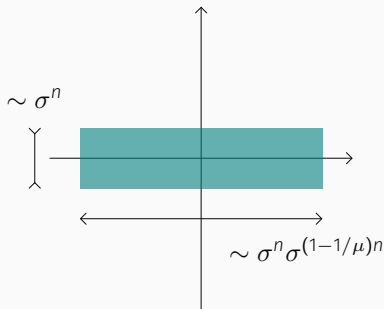
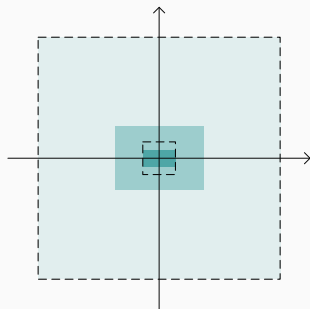
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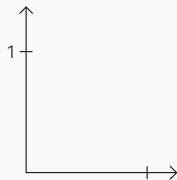
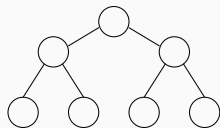
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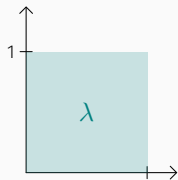
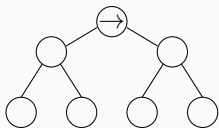


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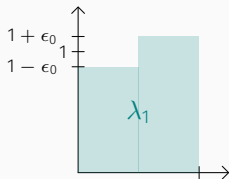
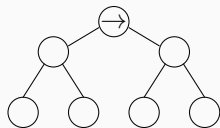


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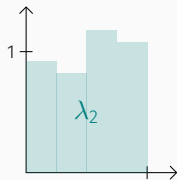
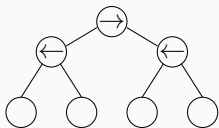


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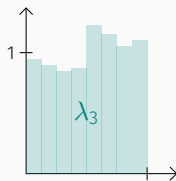
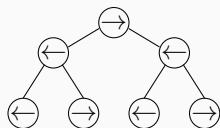


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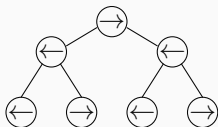


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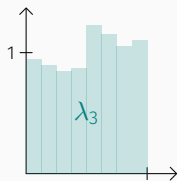
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## Proposition

$\phi$  and  $\Phi$  are sublinearly quasisymmetric. The asphericity distortions at scale  $s$  for  $\phi$  and  $\Phi$  are bounded by  $(\sum_{n < \log_2 s} \epsilon_n)$  (in fact they are a.e. much lower).

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Diagonal $\mathbf{R}^2$	$1 + \mu$
Carnot group with CC metric $d$	$\text{Hdim}(d)$
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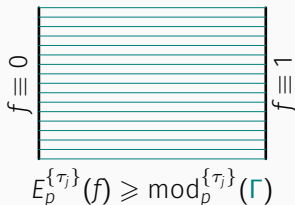
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$$E_p^{\{\tau_j\}}(f) \geq \text{mod}_p^{\{\tau_j\}}(\Gamma)$$

One can define **functions of locally bounded  $p$ -energy**  $\mathcal{W}^p$ ; if  $\varphi$  is a sublin-q.s. homeo then  $\mathcal{W}^p(\Omega) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{W}^p(\varphi^{-1}\Omega)$  for  $\Omega$  an open in the target.  $\mathcal{W}^p(\Omega)$  is a Fréchet algebra whose **spectrum** is a quotient of  $\Omega$ , the largest space of leaves that it separates.

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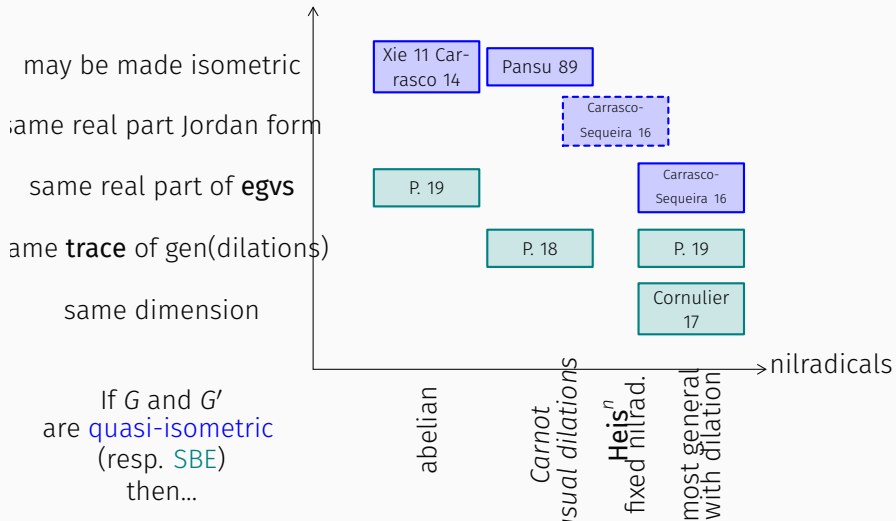
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